Expenditure of Railway Departments

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether estimate of the expenditure of various Departments of the Railways has been made by Government, out of the total amount of annual expenditure; and

(b) if so, the percentage of expenditure incurred on general administration, Railway operations, Railway maintenance, production regarding Railways and on other social obligations during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The expenditure details incurred on general administration, Railway operations, Railway maintenance, staff welfare and other activities as percentage of Ordinary Working Expenses during 1996-97,1997-98 and 1998-99 are given below:—

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
General Administration	5.17%	5.52%	5.48%
Railway Maintenance	34.05%	34.04%	33.32%
Railway Operations	52.06%	52.24%	52.53%
Staff Welfare	4.19%	4.21%	4.20%
Compensation claims, training, catering, etc.	4.53%	3.99%	4.47%

Other expenditure including security,

As regards production on Railways, there are six Production Units engaged in manufacturing of rolling stock and their components. The production, in financial terms, during 1996-97 to 1998-99 is as under:

	(Rs. in crore)
1996-97	3692
1997-98	4323
1998-99	4818

Social obligations do not constitute a separate item of expenditure. The term refers basically to the losses arising from incomplete recovery of costs on certain services.

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